

TRUCKS AND CHILD SAFETY (TACS)

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Introduction

Trucks and Child Safety (TACS) is a national safety training programme run by the DHL UK Foundation and employees of DHL. It is delivered free of charge and aims to teach children aged between 7 and 11 to be safe on the road by creating a greater awareness of larger vehicles and their associated dangers.

DHL has set itself the target of visiting 100,000 children with a TACS demonstration before the end of 2018, but we can't do this without your help.....

If you are a DHL employee and want to share your knowledge of truck safety, with young children, or a DHL site who want to further engage with your community, please read through the following information and apply to join the TACS Programme to help keep children safe around trucks.

Almost everything in our lives at some point has been on a truck. With people consuming more and more, trucks are commonplace on our roads. Taking trucks into schools or other nearby open spaces, the TACS programme is delivered via live, interactive on-site demonstrations to share vital road safety messages and information with children..

In recent years, almost 500 children were killed or injured, in accidents involving trucks*

*Department for Transport Statistics



WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

Schools

TACS delivers vital road safety messages and information to children, via live, interactive on-site demonstrations. TACS is the only road safety programme to do this with an actual 44 tonne truck!

Schools receive a teachers pack full of stimulating class activities, designed within the National Curriculum, supporting continued learning.

Most importantly, TACS demonstrations are free of charge!



Demonstrators

Volunteering looks good on your CV – it shows commitment and time management skills, you can learn valuable and transferable skills and helps you stand out from the crowd in a group of candidates.

A break from the norm – while standing in front of a class full of children has its own pressures, a change to your everyday routine once in a while can help increase motivation

Help save lives - Above all TACS allows DHL employees to share their knowledge and help save lives



The Company

As the largest operator of trucks, trailers and vans in the UK, with in excess of 43,500 people working across more than 500 locations nationwide, we have a responsibility to both our employees and to the communities in which we operate.

DPDHL's corporate responsibility mission is to be a leading contributor to the community by protecting vulnerable road users, offering work-place opportunities, and supporting our employees in their CSR activities. TACS fits into the CSR agenda under the road safety focus, and is a key delivery mechanism in ensuring that as a company we raise awareness of the potential dangers around vehicles and promote road safety best practises.

What the demonstration will cover

Taking trucks into schools, TACS demonstrators teach children about the dangers of trucks, and road safety. The demonstrations are delivered by two volunteers and include:



- What exactly the driver can or cannot see in the mirrors
- Children become aware of the truck's dimensions
- Just how loud is the engine?



- What and where, are the vehicle's blind spots?
- How difficult it is for a driver, whilst inside the cab to hear a child shouting?
- What distance is needed on the nearside when a vehicle is turning left at a junction?



- Children learn how to walk safely around the vehicle and where to stand on the pavement
- What should you do if a football runs under a truck?

Since 1998



260,000

children have seen a TACS demonstration

How can I organise a TACS demonstration at my local school?

If you would like to arrange a TACS demonstration at your local school, please consider whether a large truck and trailer would be able to gain access.

Discuss with the school and share this document. If they are happy to host a TACS demonstration at their site, please email contact details of the school and the address to talking.tacs@dhl.com.

Please note: Where ever possible we will try to arrange a demonstration, but this may not always be possible, due to access issues and demonstrator availability.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

APPLICATION PROCESS

Start

Discuss with your line manager and get consent to volunteer as a Tacs Demonstrator and access to a vehicle.

Find a TACS partner to work with. This might be a colleague who is already TACS trained or someone who can do the training with you. One of you must hold a LGV licence so that the vehicle can be driven to the school or other location.

Application

Fill in your personal details on a TACS application form (available online at the DHL UK Foundation website).

Hand the application to your Line Manager and General Manager to sign, giving consent to take part in TACS and to allow access to a vehicle.

Send a copy of the completed form to talking.tacs@dhl.com

DBS Check

Complete a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check in order to comply with legislation designed to protect children and vulnerable adults. Instructions can be found on the back of your application form, or from the DHL UK Foundation website.

Cataphract will print your details onto a DBS application form and post out to you. Sign it and send it back in the envelope provided.

You should receive your certificate within 4-6 weeks, we then need to see the original copy of this – please send to the TACS controller.

Training

If your application is successful, you will be invited to the next available training day.

We cannot book you onto a training day until we have received your application form and an original copy of your DBS certificate. If both you and your partner are new to TACS, you will be required to be trained together.

However, please note we operate a waiting list for training, so if you do need to wait for training we are grateful for your patience and continued enthusiasm.

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What you need to know

What is involved in being a demonstrator?

Each volunteer must attend a one day training course, delivered free of charge, to provide volunteers with guidance and support to carry out their role as a demonstrator. Trained demonstrators identify local schools to visit and liaise with external agencies where possible e.g. Road Safety and Police Community Support Officers. Volunteers should then deliver a minimum of three TACS demonstration days per year.

Do I need to be a truck driver?

You do not need to drive a truck to become a TACS demonstrator. However, if you do not hold a licence to drive a truck, one member of your TACS team must be able to drive a truck to enable you to carry out the demonstration and confidently assess suitability of schools.

What if I can't find a partner?

If you can't find anyone on your site who would like to volunteer with you, but would still like to become a TACS demonstrator, please contact the TACS team and we will try to team you up with an established local team, or another volunteer.

How many TACS demonstrations should I do a year?

There is no limit to the number of TACS demonstration you can do, but we do ask that you do a minimum of three demonstrations per year.

What can I expect on training day?

- Take part in an interactive practical demonstration
- Become aware of the TACS guidelines
- Appreciate the dos and don'ts of TACS programme
- Be given practical advice and tips on sourcing suitable schools or community organisations to demonstrate to.

What happens once I am trained?

- Return to your site, update your manager on your training and agree which times are best for the release of a vehicle.
- Start sourcing schools.
- You are expected to carry out at least three demonstration days each year.
- Stay in touch with TACS via Talking TACS, the TACS microsite and forum and other communications channels.
- Enjoy!



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What if I can't find any suitable schools?

You will be trained how to contact schools on the training day, but if you are having trouble getting into schools, contact TACS and we will help you locate schools in your local area.

What kind of vehicles are suitable for a TACS demonstration?

Part of what makes TACS special is the use of as large a truck as possible, preferably a 44T artic. (Rigid vehicles are not suitable for use in a TACS demonstration). If you have trouble sourcing a truck, please contact TACS and we may be able to source a suitable vehicle through the DHL Central Rental Desk.

What about publicity?

This is covered on the training day. Any opportunity for publicising TACS helps spread the word about road safety. If you want to publicise your activities in DHL newsletters or contact local papers, please contact your marketing or communications department.

TACS will be able to help too and we would love to know what you are doing. Please send copies of any publicity to Tim Bulmer, AMCoE, 3 Lumsdale Road, Cobra Court, Stretford, Manchester, M32 0UT or email us on talking.tacs@dhl.com.

Can any one else arrange a TACS demonstration?

TACS demonstrations are for children aged between 7 and 11. In the past we have organised demonstrations for the Scouting and Girl Guides Associations. As long as the children receiving the demonstration are the appropriate age, we can arrange a demonstration.

What other activities are currently being undertaken in the community by DHL employees?

There is a lot of excellent work being undertaken with schools and other charities or voluntary sector organisations, for example through Match It!, where employees can apply for matched funding for their volunteering or fundraising efforts. Please visit our website www.dhlukefoundation.org, or call the DHL UK Foundation helpline on 01285 841 914.

How does a school arrange for a visit?

If a school would like a TACS visit, they can contact their local demonstrator directly. Alternatively they can call the DHL UK Foundation helpline on 01285 841 914 or email talking.tacs@dhl.com.



KEY CONTACTS

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Email: talking.tacs@dhl.com

Or visit: www.dhluksfoundation.org/programmes/trucks-child-safety

[Click here](#): for an application form



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